



REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

for

Wednesday, July 27, 2005

5:00 P.M. – Council Chamber Boardroom

and

5:30 P.M. - Art Pick Council Chambers

3900 Main Street, Riverside, CA

CASE REVIEW – 5:00 P.M.

Roll Call

Brewer	Davidson	Garcia	Gardner	Ward	Pearcy	Corral	Castro	Quinto
✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	A	✓	✓	✓

✓ = Present A = Absent

Public Comment

There were no public comments.

Closed Session – Case Reviews

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957, the Commission adjourned to Closed Session at 4:04 p.m. to discuss issues pertaining to PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERSONNEL MATTERS.

CPRC CASE NO.

IA CASE NO.

1) 05-023 PC-05-068-316

The Commission recessed at 5:26 P.M. to reconvene in the Council Chambers.

OPEN SESSION – 5:30 P.M.

The following proceedings have been digitally recorded.
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Chairman Gardner led in the Pledge of Allegiance. Chairman Gardner asked Ms. Sherron to confirm commissioner attendance.

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Approval of Minutes

Minutes for Approval	Motion	Second	Approve	Oppose	Abstain
June Regular Meeting	Ward	Davidson	7	0	0
July Training / Case Review	Ward	Davidson	7	0	0

Executive Director's Report & Comments

Executive Director Payne reported to and advised the Commission on the following:

- Complaints are up this year:
 - 30 as of May '04
 - 44 as of May '05
- Former commissioner Gloria Huerta received a plaque at the Boards & Commissions Reception in June
- Bill Howe is working for the Commission again;
- Met with Asst. City Manager Tom DeSantis
 - Mr. DeSantis wants to initiate discussion with RPD to revise the complaint form so that the form indicates that complaints can be filed with CPRC and RPD;
 - believes that the complaint form should reference CPRC, which it currently does not.
- Working on revising CPRC brochure;
- Developed a tri-fold pocket-sized "Talking Points" card for commissioners to use during outreach presentations;
- Going on vacation, returning August 9
- Review, sign, and return Code of Ethics form to staff;
- CPRC recommendation on RPD Policy 4.39 was accepted and approved by RPD;

Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Corral:

- went to Verbena Neighborhood Watch meeting
 - group was very interested in the CPRC;
 - concerned about no crossing guard on Adams
 - they want the crossing guard back or motor officer around to catch speeders;
 - went well – good reception

Commissioner Garcia:

- National Night Out festivities on August 2 at Villegas Park;
- Villegas Center expansion even on August 13

Chairman Gardner:

- attended Sycamore Heights neighborhood group;
 - 10 minute presentation turned into an hour;
 - impressed and encouraged at how much interest there was in the CPRC.

Public Comments

Ms. Mary Shelton spoke regarding the HRC / RPD Traffic Stop Study Forum. She felt it was an interesting discussion and that it is a critical issue.

Ms. Shelton also spoke regarding her concerns about the revision of RPD Policy 4.8 and her concern over RPD's failure to abide by its own policies.

Mr. Ralph Avila said he is skeptical about the future of the CPRC. He said he believes that RPD Policy 4.12 is being manipulated by the Department and that the policy is full of holes.

Mr. Avila also spoke regarding his complaint saying that the officer now has a personal vendetta against him and that Internal Affairs won't investigate the complaint.

Committee Reports

- A) Outreach Committee – Brian Percy, Chair
No report due to Commissioner Percy's absence.
- B) Budget Committee – Bob Garcia, Chair
Commissioner Garcia reported that the committee did not meet in July due to the lack of a quorum.
- C) Policy & Procedure Review Committee - Jack Brewer, Chair
Commissioner Brewer's Report and Comments:
- reviewed and approved recommendation for RPD Policy 5.3.E.2.d;
 - Policy 4.8 was held for further study;
 - Policy 4.12 was held for further study;
 - Recommended revision to CPRC By-Laws is on agenda for full Commission vote.

Revision of CPRC By-Laws

The Commission discussed and voted on the recommended revision to the CPRC By-Laws, Article VII, Meetings, Section 4, to consider content for meetings held on the 2nd Wednesday of the month.

Motion	Motion	Second	Approve	Oppose	Abstain
To accept the revision to the CPRC By-Laws, Article VII, Meetings, Section 4	Quinto	Ward	7	1	0

Lane Officer-Involved Death Case

Chairman Gardner spoke regarding the reviewing of the Lane casebook in order to begin the drafting of the public report.

Executive Director Payne advised the Commission that the Lane casebook, along with three videotapes, the CPRC case file, and a binder with information from the Commission's outside investigator are in the CPRC vault.

Ms. Shelton commented that this incident is the involved officer's second fatal shooting. She noted that the shootings might be justified, but should be scrutinized.

Mr. Avila said that the community is curious about this shooting because of the officer's reason for this shooting. He also asked if there is photographic evidence of the officer's injuries.

Staff Realignment

Chairman Gardner commented that the CPRC has lost part of the time of the Executive Director, but gained time due to increased staff. He said the Commission also owes the City Manager's Office a report card – is the Commission getting the service it needs; is the current model working? If it is not, then what needs to change?

Chairman Gardner introduced Mr. Tom DeSantis, the new Asst. City Manager.

Ms. Linda Dunn, a member of the Riverside Coalition for Police Accountability (RCPA), spoke regarding the recommendations the RCPA would like to see implemented by CPRC. She noted that the Stipulated Judgment is almost over and that the RCPA believes the CPRC needs a full time executive director and an outside attorney.

Ms. Mary Shelton said it is not a matter of personnel, but a matter of issues that could arise in that dual roles for the Executive Director would be in conflict. She said that there needs to be more outreach and more work put into the CPRC annual report. She also said the CPRC needs to have its own attorney and needs to move out of City Hall.

Ms. Nanette Pratini said she is torn on the issue. She said there is no question that CPRC deserves a full time Executive Director and that now is the time to ask for a full time director.

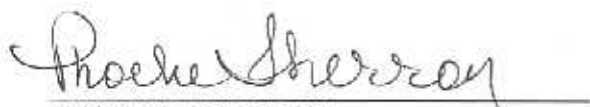
Asst. City Manager Tom DeSantis said that he and City Manager Brad Hudson are very focused and currently in a "receive and observe mode." He noted that the CPRC seems to be fairly happy and work is getting done. He said he would continue to watch and remain accessible to both commissions and that he wants to make it work.

Several commissioners voiced their feelings on how the Commission was currently operating after which Chairman Gardner observed that the sentiment was that things are going very well and that the Commission is satisfied with staffing and support in the current arrangement. He asked Mr. DeSantis if a formal response to the City Manager's Office regarding this issue would be useful or if the previous discussion would suffice. Mr. DeSantis said it would be helpful to have a response from the Commission along the lines of the formal criteria that had been set.

Adjournment

The Commission adjourned at 7:02 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



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